

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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--Claims 1-8 and 21-27 are cancelled.--